**Country: Uruguay**

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Euthanasia is a big discussion topic in all over the World since first centuries. There are many kinds of discussions about Euthanasia. But the most important and common one is euthanasia should be legal or not. In many parts of the World, all types of Euthanasia is banned. In Uruguay, euthanasia was accepted with a law on 18th of March in 2009. They agreed on a law in which people with a fatal disease and no hope to get better, has a chance to get themselves killed.

In the conference in 2009, the member of the congress Washington Abdala, said that the law provides a person who is diseased as prescribed by law to die with his honor and she defended that the person and his doctor has the right to this. According to the new law, the person who has no chance to get rid of the disease can demand death or if the patient is unconscious his relatives can demand it. The law must be approved by the president before it can be implemented.

Laws that devoloped an idea of the right to die didn’t go forward untill March 2009 in Uruguay when congress legalized the right to die with the abolition of life-long medical treatment. At that time Catholic Church objected the idea of legalizing euthanasia, for fear of increasing deaths with help despite laws prohibiting such things. Since the birth of Christianity, killing oneself or others is certainly forbidden. In Christianity, it is thought that humankind is created by the God and human and human life keep a special sanctity in it. It is not legitimate to kill a certain social group such as communities that have lost their social usefulness. Catholic Church criticized and opposed euthanasia and Uruguay has a significant Catholic population.